

House Bill 1231

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 uniform rules of the road, so as to clarify the proper manner in which to execute a left turn;  
3 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the uniform rules  
8 of the road, is amended by striking in its entirety Code Section 40-6-120, relating to the  
9 required position and methods of turning at intersections, and inserting in its place a new  
10 Code Section 40-6-120 to read as follows:

11 "40-6-120.

12 (a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

13 (1) RIGHT TURN. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as  
14 close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway;

15 (2) LEFT TURN. (A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'extreme left-hand lane' means  
16 the lane furthest to the left that is lawfully available to traffic moving in the same  
17 direction as the turning vehicle. In the event of multiple lanes, the second extreme  
18 left-hand lane shall be the lane to the right of the extreme left-hand lane that is lawfully  
19 available to traffic moving in the same direction as the turning vehicle. The third  
20 extreme left-hand lane shall be the lane to the right of the second extreme left-hand lane  
21 and so forth.

22 (B) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme  
23 left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of the  
24 turning vehicle. Whenever practicable, the left turn shall be made to the left of the  
25 center of the intersection and so as to exit the intersection or other location in the

26 extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the same direction as the  
27 turning vehicle on the roadway being entered.

28 (C) In the event of multiple left turn lanes, the driver of a vehicle turning left shall exit  
29 the intersection in the same relative travel lane as the vehicle entered the intersection.

30 If the vehicle is in the second extreme left-hand lane entering the intersection the  
31 vehicle shall exit the intersection in the second extreme left-hand lane. Where there are  
32 multiple lanes of travel in the same direction safe for travel, a vehicle shall not be  
33 permitted to make a lane change once the intersection has been entered.

34 (b) The Department of Transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions  
35 may cause official traffic-control devices to be placed within or adjacent to intersections  
36 or other locations and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified  
37 in this Code section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when such devices are so placed,  
38 no driver of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by such  
39 devices."

40 **SECTION 2.**

41 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010, and be applicable to all offenses committed  
42 on or after that date.

43 **SECTION 3.**

44 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.